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During regular bimonthly meeting

Elba City Council approves low bids for various recreation equipment

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council approved low bids on recreation equipment and heard Police Chief Freddy Hanchey report the resignation of Police Officer Ashley Paul.

Recreation bids are taken annually on items expected to be needed by the department during the coming year. The

equipment is then purchased as needed.

There were six bidders for the equipment. Bid forms were sent to 15 firms. Council members approved purchasing from the low bidder on each item, if that item met specifications.

City Clerk Wayne Grantham reported that the recreation parks are all running smoothly. Mayor James Grimes updated

the council on progress with the Beaver Dam Creek Bed project. The mayor was notified on Friday that the Corp. of Engineers could legally work with the city on the clearing, sloping the banks and other work in the old creek bed area.

They can't help with removal of the old houses in the area, nor developing recreation facilities adjoining the creek bed. Funds from the levee upgrade project can be channeled to this work, according to the legal department of the Corp. of Engineers.

Bullock Volunteer Fire Department announces fire safety kickoff event

The Bullock Community Volunteer Fire Department recently received a state grant to increase fire safety awareness in its fire service area.

In accordance with the grant, members of the fire department will be going door-to-door to provide home fire safety education and to install free smoke alarms to residents serviced by the department. A kick-off event for the program will be held Saturday, March 11, at the fire department from 10 a.m. until 12 noon.

The fire department encourages local residents to come by and meet them, join in fun and refreshments and learn more about its fire safety program.



Alabama Smoke Alarm Initiative

Coffee County Commission hears positive report regarding roll-off service

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Coffee County Commissioners received an update Monday morning, Feb. 27, of the Coffee County Landfill's Roll-Off Service.

County engineer Randy Tindell said it was this time last year that commissioners made the decision for the county to go into the roll-off business at the landfill. Now a year later, he said he thought it would be good to provide a presentation on the service.

According to the presentation, the demand for the service has far exceeded the expectations. When the county began the venture it was forecast that the service would provide an average of 78 active containers, two trucks would be operational on a full-time basis and 600 tons per month would be provided to the Coffee County Landfill.

Initially, 116 roll-off containers were purchased and the county obtained two new roll-off trucks.

From the beginning, officials say the service has seen a steady growth, and it is on track this month (February 2006) to have an average of 96 active containers. The actual tonnage delivered to the landfill also well exceeds the original forecast set to provide approximately 3,000 tons in Feb. 2006.

In Feb., the county also will service 10 sub-contracts, operate over 3 trucks full time and

employ three full-time personnel with the roll-off business.

The roll-off service has an annualized revenue of approximately \$1,041,483.

While officials say they do not know where the roll-off service will level at, they say it certainly is not showing signs of slowing down right now.

The service is diverse and stable and currently benefits the Coffee County Landfill by \$500,000 per year.

Commissioners made progress with lawn care bids that were tabled during the Monday, Feb. 13, meeting.

Commissioner Robert Stephens said he would like to take the bid for the Elba courthouse off the table and award it to the low bidder. The low bid for this project was provided by Fay's Nursery at \$9,900 for three years. Stephens said the bidder had indicated he would include a cancellation clause in the bid.

The motion received a second from Commissioner Linda Westbrook and passed by a unanimous vote.

Commissioner Jim Thompson then said he did not want to accept the low bid for the Enterprise Courthouse because of the way the grounds look. Therefore, he made a motion to reject the bids for the lawn care at the Enterprise courthouse. He received a second from Commissioner Bernest Brooks.

The two bids received for this

project included Fay's Nursery at \$15,900 for three years and Clark's LawnCare at \$25,220 for three years.

Commissioner Dale Dalrymple said he did not think the commission could reject a bid because "we don't think he'll do something."

County attorney Joe Cassidy agreed saying if the bid is within the realm of reason he does not see how the commission can reject it. However, he said it the commission is planning to change the specifications of the bid, it can be rejected.

The motion to reject passed with a 5-2 vote. Commissioners Dalrymple and Stephens cast the opposing votes.

Commissioner chose to leave the bid regarding lawn care at the New Brockton facility on the table.

County administrator Wilson Mobley brought up the county's proposed sale of property to the DCI Clinic. He said officials with that company said their process is slow in regards to getting all the proper permits; however, they said they are willing to go ahead and purchase the property with the stipulation to resale to the county at the same price if the permits do not come through for some reason.

Commissioner Tom Grimsley first made a motion to accept this sale, but later withdrew his motion after discussion.

After a brief discussion and suggestion from the county



EMERGENCY PERSONNEL WORK to extract one of the two victims of a one-vehicle accident that occurred last Wednesday evening, Feb. 22, on Highway 189 North. The vehicle reportedly left the roadway after coming out of a curve and overturned before stopping against trees. The vehicle was occupied by the driver and one passenger. Each received treatment for injuries, but the injuries were not considered to be life threatening. The accident was investigated by the Alabama State Troopers office.

Elba Lions Club preparing for Saturday's annual pancake breakfast

The month of March has arrived, and that can mean only one thing...the Elba Lions Club annual Pancake Day is set for Saturday, March 4, from 6-10

a.m. at the Elba Senior Citizens Center.

The International Association of Lions Clubs began as the dream of Chicago businessman

Melvin Jones, and an organizational meeting was held June 7, 1917 in Chicago, Ill.

Among the objects adopted by the club in the early years was one that read, "No club shall hold out the financial betterment of its members as its object."

Today, this call for unselfish service to others remains one of the associations' main tenets.

In 1925, Helen Keller challenged Lions to become "knights of the blind in the cru-

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Boyd Deal joins Alabama Farmers Federation staff

Boyd Deal has joined the staff of the Alabama Farmers Federation as the Area Organization Director for District 8, which includes Coffee, Covington, Dale, Geneva, Henry and Houston counties.

Boyd, originally from Zion Chapel, has been employed as an adjuster with Alfa Insurance Co. for the past 20 years. He was recognized as being among the top 20 adjusters in the state 12 years during his tenure.

"We are confident that with Boyd's experience, his strong love for agriculture and his ability to work with people, Area 8 will continue to be well served," said Mike Tidwell, director of the Federation's Department of Organization.

"I grew up on a farm," said Deal, "and I knew being an area director would be a way I could give back to the farming community." Deal said he is looking forward the excitement of the challenges his new position will



Boyd Deal

Deal, along with his wife and two sons, resides in Arton. The Deals are active members of the Arton Baptist Church.

Deal is a Troy University graduate with a degree in business.

NOTICE

According to the Alabama Department of Transportation, Wiregrass Construction Company Inc. began work Monday, Feb. 27, on the resurfacing and traffic stripe of Alabama Highway 125 in Coffee County.

The limits of the work will be from State Route 203 (bypass) in Elba to State Route 167. The length of the project is 12.702 miles and expected to be completed within 70 working days.

The contractor has erected advance construction warning signs to advise the traveling public of the construction work zone. Also, the contractor will utilize a pilot car and portable signs to safely guide motorists through the construction work zone.

Motorists are urged to reduce speed and use caution when traveling through and around the equipment and workers.

Inquiry regarding the work should be directed to: Rodney Hendrick, project superintendent (334) 762-2397; Patricia Henderson, district engineer (334) 347-8166; or Claude Stinson Jr., project engineer (334) 894-2390.



THE AZALEA GARDEN CLUB MET Wednesday, Feb. 8, at the new "Welcome to Elba" sign at the Troy Highway to observe Arbor Day—an annual event for the club. Three crepe myrtle trees were planted in memory of a former resident of Elba, Poncy Collier. Members participating were: (bottom row) Patsy Meek, Betty Vaughan, Betty Cox, Mary Young, Nona Cooper; (top row) Sherry Church, Martha Guerreo, Carol Jackson and Ruth Inman.

Area Happenings

THE ELBA LIONS CLUB ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST will be Saturday, March 4, from 6-10 a.m. at the Elba Senior Citizens building.

ALPHA INTERNATIONAL INC. OF JACK will host a Mother/Daughter Tea on Saturday, March 4, at 10 a.m. at Mosley's Studio for all contestants in the Future Little Miss, Little Miss, Junior Miss and Miss Zion Chapel pageants. Sunday Dress is appropriate. Photogenic pictures will be taken at this time so please make arrangements to attend.

THE ANNUAL MISS ELBA PAGEANTS will be held Saturday, March 4, beginning at 6 p.m. at the Elba High School auditorium. Winners will be crowned in four divisions including: Future Little Miss Elba, Little Miss Elba, Junior Miss Elba and Miss Elba.

THE ALABAMA HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION EXAM will be given March 6-10. Any former student who needs to take a part or parts of the exam in order to receive a high school diploma is encouraged to do so. The exam will be administered as follows: Monday, March 6 - Reading; Tuesday, March 7 - Language; Wednesday, March 8 - Social Studies; Thursday, March 9 - Science; and Friday, March 10 - Math. To make arrangements, call Lynn Weeks, counselor, at Elba High School (697-2266).

THE COFFEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION announces that the regular March board meeting has been postponed due to an Alabama Association of School Board (AASB) meeting in Birmingham this week. The next meeting of the Coffee County BOE will be Thursday, March 9, at 7 p.m.

EDITORIAL

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BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

Many, maybe most, Americans are upset over the pending proposal for a Muslim country to take over the operations of a number of U.S. seaports. Thus far we see nothing different than when we turned several others over to the Chinese. Those who really know the operation explain that this is not giving them the port, just the shipping operations, which is already owned by a foreign company. The U. S. Coast Guard will still be charged with security, Homeland Security and Customs Service will still continue their same jobs, etc. Our first choice would be for American companies to own and operate these facilities. . . . all of them.

The Alabama legislature has passed the halfway point in this regular 2006 session. It is a given that Alabama will get a number of costly, but politically popular bills approved. The good thing is that they are on the down side, time-wise, and even though bleeding will continue, we will at least know how bad it really is.

Mardi Gras is over for another year in New Orleans. Historic St. Charles Avenue and Bourbon Street did survive the hurricanes. The Winter Olympics are over. . . . ho hum. Maybe it was the sports or the hotdogging, bragging athletics. . . . well anyway, it's over.

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank all of our dear relatives, friends & neighbors who showed any act of kindness; with cards, food or prayers during the loss of our loved one. A special thank you to Elba Nursing Home Staff, Dr. Dyess & Staff, Elba General ER Staff, Taylor Hill Church & Community, Westview Baptist Church and Northern Heights Baptist Church.

The Family of Jim Danford

Elba Elementary School
Menu

March 6 - 10, 2006

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - PopTarts, Cheese, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Monday - Pizza, Broccoli w/ Peas, Corn on Cob, Sliced Peas, Milk
Tuesday - Pancake, Pops, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Tuesday - Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Peas & Carrots, Bread, 1/2 Apple, Milk
Wednesday - Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Fishburger, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, Pear Half, Milk
Thursday - Biscuit & Jelly, Sausage, Patty, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Chicken Wiggle, Corn, Black-eyed Peas, Roli, Sweet Potato, Milk
Friday - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Friday - Hamburger, Oven Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Dill Pickles, Oatmeal Cookie, Milk

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Feb. 20, 2006, investigated the following incidents: two for domestic violence, one lost cellular telephone, one harassing communications, one gas drive off, one harassment, one found property, two for criminal mischief, one death investigation, one leaving the scene of an accident, one burglary, one theft of property, one forgery, one assault and one duty to stop and remain at the scene.

The following arrests were made: one for theft of property, one for domestic violence and one for harassment.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: three for a suspended driver's license, one for reckless driving, one for failure to dim, one for no/ improper wipers, one for no driver's license, one for no tag, two for no insurance, one for a switched tag, four for speeding and three for no proof of insurance.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:
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THURSDAY, FEB. 23 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to Hwy. 84 W. (11:31 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1629 Caroline St. (12:03 p.m.); Wreck (vehicle vs. child) reported on Caroline St. (2:58 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to an electrical fire outside the residence at 855 Hickman Ave. (10:57 p.m.).

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LIONS

sade against darkness." From that time, Lions clubs have been actively involved in service to the blind and visually impaired. In addition to sight programs, Lions Clubs International is committed to providing services for youth. Lions Clubs also work to improve the environment, build homes for the disabled, support diabetes education, conduct hearing programs and, through their foundation, provide disaster relief around the world.

Since last year's pancake day, the Elba Lions Club has supported the following organizations through monetary donations:

- Alabama Sight Conservation - an organization to assist persons needing eye care, from exams to surgery. Last year, Alabama Sight assisted more than 3,500 fellow citizens;
- Camp Seale Harris - a camp in northern Alabama for children with diabetes;
- Southeast Leader Dog School - a school for the training of leader dogs for the blind;
- American Diabetes Association - an organization to prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes;
- YMCA-Gann Chandler - a leadership camp in Wetumpka for high school youth;
- Elba DARE program;
- Elba Boy Scout Troop 37;
- Alabama Lion's Annual High School All Star Game;
- Elba General Hospital - AL Lions Mobile Sight Unit.

ALERT

The administration of the Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home has placed into effect a visitor restriction. There will be no routine visiting of residents until further notice. No children please!

Due to the widespread cases of flu, pneumonia, and respiratory infections in the community, visitation is being restricted. All visitors must report to the nurse's station for further instruction. Cooperation in this matter would be appreciated.

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The students at Kinston Elementary School may not be old enough to donate blood, but they are discovering that blood donors are life-saving heroes.

When Kinston Elementary School hosts an American Red Cross blood drive Thursday, March 2, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., its students will act as recruiters, signing up their parents, relatives, and other adults to donate blood.

Prior to the drive, students will receive special instruction about blood and the need for a safe and adequate blood supply. Students then receive special training on how to "recruit" donors. Each student from Kinston Elementary School who recruits a blood donor, will receive a "Buddy Blood Drop" keychain for their efforts.

In addition, all American Red Cross blood donors will receive a 125th Anniversary American Red Cross collectible pin, as well as be entered into a drawing.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor,
I can't understand why the Federal Emergency Management Association has thousands of trailers sitting on acres of land in Hope, Arkansas that could be used in Louisiana. What are they for? I thought they were for emergencies. What kind of emergencies? Now is the time to speak about democracy. Where are the prominent voices within the Christian Coalition? Did the millions for relief efforts in New Orleans vanish?

Most of the people left homeless by Hurricane Katrina still have one thing left. . . a spot of ground on God's earth. . . I think if FEMA or Homeland Security is concerned about water and

electricity, there are alternatives. Tanker trucks can be loaded with water and fuel oil. Those displaced citizens may be willing to return home and bathe in a bucket of water, and surely another agency can be created to handle waste. Oil can be used for cooking, heating and lighting. Ask the Amish citizens of this country.

The slow response during this emergency has left me with more questions than honest answers. I can only hope and pray that the areas affected by the devastating destruction along the Gulf Coast will become more safe and secure in the future.

Vera Maddox-Crozier
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FACTS

The Changing of the Guard

As soon as the Bolsheviks seized control of the Russian government in November 1917, they moved quickly to solidify their power. Neither Vladimir Lenin, nor Leon Trotsky, nor Joseph Stalin, nor any other Bolshevik leader, understood in democracy. They had only seen the brutal, repressive governments of the Tsar. So, they decided to be brutal and repressive too.

Much like the former Tsar, the new leaders thought they knew what was best for the Russian people. Before the calendar turned to 1918, they created their own secret police force, modeled on the former Tsar's force. Called the CHEKA, its purpose was to protect the Bolshevik government. Less than a month after that, they outlawed all other political parties.

Few, if any, Russians actively opposed the new government's moves. Most

were too concerned with staying alive to bother with political intrigues occurring in Moscow and St. Petersburg. The British journalist, Arthur Ransome, who toured Russia in 1919 observed that:

"This state of affairs would probably be more actively resented if the people were capable of resenting anything but their own hunger, or of fearing anything but a general collapse which would turn that hunger into starvation."

Vladimir Lenin, the nation's new leader, understood that one Bolshevik promise he could not ignore was to end Russia's participation in World War I. Six months after assuming power, the new government signed a peace treaty with the Germans.

Once Russia and Germany had signed a peace treaty with Germany, Vladimir Lenin and his second in command, Leon Trotsky, ruled a country with almost no infrastructure. Its farmers produced too little food, its factories produced too few tools, the war destroyed its transportation system, and its people were starving. To make matters worse, although World War I had ended, former Tsarist military officers and other supporters of the monarchy banded together under the

umbrella of White Russians. The Civil War they started lasted three years.

When, in August 1918, an assassin tried to kill Lenin, they unleashed the CHEKA on the population. It was called the "Red Terror," and in the next year, CHEKA officers murdered more than 6,300 counterrevolutionaries.

By 1921, the Bolsheviks had won the Civil War, but were losing the support of most Russians. However, a national famine saved the government. For two years, grain harvests failed. Although relief supplies came from Britain and the United States, a million people died. No one tried to overthrow the government. They had no strength.

The February Revolution in 1917 was a spontaneous outbreak in response to the inability of the Tsarist government to supply basic services. The Bolshevik coup of November 1917 succeeded because, after a lengthy period of war and starvation, people wanted food and peace. Find out more about how the Bolsheviks then used terror, repression, and propaganda to retain power for over seventy years. Take The Web Journey.

Next Week:
Who is Benton Mackaye?

The Crisis in Russia
British author Arthur Ransome wrote this book, published in late 1920. He visited Russia as a journalist, but also worked as an agent for British intelligence. The book offers an accurate, first-hand, picture of the collapse of Russia's infrastructure and society following the Bolshevik Revolution.

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Obituaries

ESTELLE RUBY DIVINE
Mrs. Estelle Ruby Divine, age 83, of Elba, Ala., died Thursday, Feb. 23, 2006 at her home in Elba.

Funeral services were held Feb. 23, 2006 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Mart Gray officiating. Burial followed in the Shady Grove Church Cemetery, Samson, Ala., with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include two daughters: Joan Goodwin, Elba, Betty Jo Thompson, New Brockton, Ala.; two sons: Doyle Schofield, Vidor, Texas, Donnie Divine, Panama City, Fla.; three brothers: Charles Matthews, Hartsboro, Ala., Dykes Matthews, Mississippi; 14 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

EFFIE LEE HORSTEAD
Mrs. Effie Lee Horstead, age 95, died in a nursing home in Utica, N.Y.

Funeral services were held Monday, Feb. 27, 2006 at St. Paul Baptist Church, Utica, N.Y. A memorial service for Ms. Horstead will be held Saturday, March 4, 2006 at Bethlehem Baptist Church, Elba, Ala., at 2:00 PM.

Survivors include: Leavy Horstead, Elba; Bertha Williams, Geneva, Ala.; Walter "Tom" Horstead, Freddie "Brother" Horstead, and Mary Jean Webster, all of Utica, N.Y.

MARY ALICE CALDWELL
Mrs. Mary Alice Caldwell, age 78, of Enterprise, Ala., died February 13, 2006.

Funeral services were held Feb. 20, 2006 at Pleasant Shade Baptist Church, Enterprise, with Rev. C.A. Hammond Jr. officiating and Hammond Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include her mother: Emma Jane Dorsey, Enterprise; one son: Freddie L. (Tammy) Caldwell Sr., Warren, Ohio; one daughter: Portia Pringle, Warren; two sisters: JoAnn Hawkins, Dothan, Ala., Mildred Cooky Borah, Atlanta, Ga.; as well as other half brothers and half sisters and six grandchildren.

JAMES BLAND SMITH
Mr. James Bland Smith, age 45, of Dothan, Ala., died Feb. 7, 2006 at Southeast Alabama Medical Center in Dothan.

Funeral services were held Feb. 18, 2006, at Dr. James A. Smith Convocation Center in Dothan with Dr. Charles A. Lett, Rev. Eddie W. Thomas and Rev. Brandon K. Marshall officiating.

Survivors include: Leavy Horstead, Elba; Bertha Williams, Geneva, Ala.; Walter "Tom" Horstead, Freddie "Brother" Horstead, and Mary Jean Webster, all of Utica, N.Y.

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two days to complete, and became the largest recorded sale of its type in American history. What property was sold? Do you need to find the answer, or do you want to find out more? Go to <http://tinyurl.com/9ayn>

BEYOND OUR BORDERS

The River Thames runs 215 miles from its source at Trewsbury Mead flowing past 2,000 years of British history, before it empties into the North Sea. Along the way, it passes Oxford, home to one of the world's best-known universities, Windsor Castle, the City of London, Julius Caesar, the Vikings, and Norman soldiers all sailed up the Thames to invade England. In 1215, the Magna Carta was signed in a field on its banks, and in 1536, Ann Boleyn sailed up the river to her execution at the Tower of London.

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LIFESTYLES

Kellner-Carlisle wedding held Saturday, January 7th in Dothan



Mr. & Mrs. Scott Duane Kellner

On Saturday, January 7, 2006, at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, Kara Melissa Carlisle and Scott Duane Kellner were united in holy matrimony. The wedding was held at Ridgecrest Baptist Church in Dothan, Ala., with Rev. Ray Jones and Rev. Andy Hepburn officiating the ceremony.

Parents of the couple are Brenda Carlisle and the late Stephen F. Carlisle of Mobile, Ala., and Mr. and Mrs. Duane Kellner of Dothan.

The bride was given away in marriage by her mother, Brenda Carlisle. A program of wedding music was presented by Jennifer Thomas on the violin, Susan Helms on the harp and organ, Dr. Jim Zingara on the trumpet, and vocalists Rev. Doug Chappelle, Kent Gidley, and Rev. Rick and Lyn West.

Serving as the Maid of Honor was the bride's sister, Amanda Carlisle, and serving as the Matron of Honor was a friend of the bride, Haley Krey. Bridesmaids were Andrea Hepburn, friend, Lynchburg, Va.; Stacie Pruitt, friend, Dothan, Ala.; Jennifer Simmons, friend, Bertha, Ala.; Michele Kellner, sister of groom, Dothan, Ala.; Cara Powell, friend, Mobile, Ala. The Junior Bridesmaid was Presley Pittman, friend, from Muscle Shoals, Ala. Serving as the flower girls were Natalie Dezzo, bride's cousin, Austin, Texas; Hailey Powell, friend, Mobile; and Kenley Krey, friend, Jacksonville, Fla.

Serving as the Best Man was father of the groom, Duane Kellner of Dothan. The groomsmen were Sam Reynolds, friend, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; Kent Gidley, friend, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; John Kelsoe, friend, Birmingham; Lemanski Hall, friend, Franklin, Tenn.; and Scott Lawrence, friend, Atlanta, Ga. The Junior Groomsman was Nicholas Dezzo, cousin of the bride, Austin, Texas. Serving as the Ring Bearer was Will Pruitt, friend, of Dothan.

The ushers were Scott Flowers, friend, Enterprise, Ala.; and Tommy Pruitt, friend, Dothan, and the bell ringer was Blake Bryan, cousin of the groom, Ringgold, Ga. Following the ceremony, the bride's mother hosted a reception at the Dothan Conference Center.

The groom's parents entertained the wedding party with a rehearsal dinner at the Highland's Golf Clubhouse.

The couple honeymooned in Lake Tahoe. They now reside in Dothan.

Each birthday boy enjoyed a "Red Wagon Birthday Cake" made by Katie Morrow.

Parents of Michael are Jay and Christy Johnson of Montgomery. Grandparents are Harold and Faye Johnson and Carol and the late Evan Smith of Elba, Ala.

Parents of Robert are Matt and Katie Morrow of Birmingham, Ala. Grandparents are Paul and Nancy Morrow of Elba, and Duke and Nancy Terrell of Birmingham.

Great-grandmother of both birthday boys is Edna D. Morrow of Elba.

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John and Tawana Nelson Tucker of Kinston, Ala., announce the birth of their daughter, Haylee Marie Tucker, born February 17, 2006. Haylee Marie was also welcomed by her sister, Allie Elise, age 5, and her brother, Wesley Hudson, age 3.

She weighed 8 lbs. and was 20 in. long. Maternal grandparents are Gerald and Lorette Nelson of Elba, Ala. Paternal grandparents are Glenn and Peggy Rhoades of Kinston, Ala.



Mr. Blanton & Miss Owens

Miss Owens & Mr. Blanton announce engagement and wedding plans

Krysti Owens and Shane Blanton would like to announce their engagement and forthcoming marriage. Parents of the couple are Merlene Owens and the late Billy P. Owens of Elba, Ala., Dr. and Mrs. Billy R. Farris of Elba, and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Blanton of Cullman, Ala.

Krysti is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thaniel Carr and the late Mr. and Mrs. Percy V. Owens of Elba. Shane is the grandson of Anna Mae Crow and the late Curtis Crow of Hartselle and Dr. and Mrs. Harold Blanton and the late Elsie Blanton of Cullman.

The bride elect is a graduate of Elba High School and attended Enterprise State Junior College and Troy University. Krysti is employed as patient coordinator and dental assistant with Old Ivy Dental of Atlanta, Ga.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Elba High School and the University of Alabama with a degree in marketing. Shane served 8 years in the Army National Guard as combat engineer. He is employed with REKEEP Inc. of Atlanta, Ga.

The wedding will be an event of July 29, 2006 at 6:30 PM at Hartselle Valley Farm in Elba with a reception immediately following.

Miss Johnson & Mr. Grantham to share vows Saturday, March 18th

Mr. and Mrs. Delmar B. Johnson of the Wilkinstown community announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter Pamela Doreen Johnson to Joseph Edward Grantham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mack Grantham of the New Hope community.

Pamela is a 1996 graduate of Zion Chapel High School and is employed in Dothan. Joseph is a 1995 graduate of Zion Chapel High School and is employed in Ozark.

The wedding will take place Saturday, March 18, 2006, at 5:00 p.m. All friends and family are invited to attend.

Republican Women of Coffee County to meet March 15th

Republican Women Of Coffee County will hold their monthly meeting/luceon on March 15th, 11:30 AM at Po-Folks Restaurant in Enterprise. This month's speakers are Mo Brooks, a candidate for Lt. Governor, Dave Sutton, candidate for Coffee County Sheriff and Judge Phillip Wood, a candidate for Court of Civil Appeals Place 3.

Everyone is welcome. For Info. Call Jan White 348-2451

UM students named to honor roll

Almost 675 University of Montevallo students were named to the honor roll for the fall semester.

Dean's List honors went to 333 students. To make the Dean's List, a student must earn at least a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale and be a full-time student at the university.

Amie Perry, Jack along with Ashley Daugherty and Monica Ratchford, Enterprise were named to the fall semester Dean's list honor roll.

Deadline For Social News Is Monday!

Reception planned for Elmer and Grace Taylor Saturday, March 18th

The public is cordially invited to attend reception in honor of Elmer and Grace Taylor on Saturday, March 18, 2006, from 3:00 to 5:00 in the afternoon, at The Old South Inn located at 717 West Davis St., Elba.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor will be moving to Auburn soon.

The Southeast Alabama Association of Beekeepers to meet

The Southeast Alabama Beekeepers Association will hold its monthly meeting on the 2nd of March, 2006 at the Coffee County Farm Center. Anyone interested in the honeybee is invited to attend. For more information please call Elizabeth Whitaker at 334-894-2077.

New Arrival

JOSEPH EZRA CARNLEY



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CHURCH & AREA NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

Rev. Stanley Carter
Elba United Methodist Church

Red bird moments

I love to drink my coffee and look out the window each morning as I prepare for the new day. There are several beautiful red birds (cardinals) that stay around the yard year round. I love to watch them. I call seeing them my "red bird moments." Red bird moments are special because these moments cause me to pause and see a part of God's beautiful creation and cause me to make priorities for my life.

Sometimes we get so busy that we don't have time for our children or a friend in need. We need to take some red bird moments and make room for others. God gives these moments to us and we need to appreciate them as blessings. Who knows, they may be ministry moments where we touch someone's life.

Have you missed any red bird moments this week? Our lives will be more joyful if we will take the red bird moments God gives us. I know my life is more joyful because I have stopped to enjoy the red bird moments. I would like to hear about any of your red bird moments. (Psalms 118:24)



A new home....

Anyone on the highway between the County Line community and the Vineyard Christian Retreat Center recently may have encountered a house "rolling" down the highway. Thanks to County Line Baptist Church and Hussey House Movers, the former parsonage at County Line Baptist Church now has a new "home."

The house was built in 1952 and donated to the Vineyard Christian Retreat Center in 2005. It is truly amazing to see how great the new wooden structure looks nestled in the wooded area overlooking the lakes.

Moving a house is no easy task. This one had to be separated and moved in two sections.

The house will be used as a home for the Vineyard Director, Steve Tipton, and his family. It will allow current living space to be opened up to more guest campers and retreaters. Steve and other volunteers will make appropriate changes and improvements to the home.

The gift of this home is just one of the many ways County Line Baptist Church has shown a true spirit of love and generosity to the Vineyard and Coffee Baptist Association.

the church of your choice this year

Johns Chapel AME Church to host Annual Prayer Breakfast March 11th

Members of the Johns Chapel AME Church Usher Board will host their Annual Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, March 11 at 9:00 a.m. in the Church Fellowship Hall. The guest minister will be the Reverend David Perry, Pastor of Friendship Baptist Church, Minter, Alabama. The public is invited to come out and enjoy this time of prayer, praise, and fellowship. The church is located at 841 Geneva Highway in Enterprise. For more information, call the church at 393-2661 or Betty Simmons, Usher Board President, at 347-9288. The Reverend Tony C. Scott is Pastor.

Revival Services to begin March 12 at Victoria Baptist Church

Revival services will be held at Victoria Baptist Church Sunday, March 12, 2006 through Friday, March 17, 2006. The revival is a joint effort of Hebron, Mt. Zion, Victoria, Whitewater, Wise Mill, and Zion Chapel Churches. Speakers for the services are: Sunday - Brother Donnie Marler, Victoria; Monday - Brother Chris Barrows, Zion Chapel; Tuesday - Brother Larry Grimm, Mt. Zion; Wednesday - Brother Ken Hagles, Wise Mill; Thursday - Brother Dwayne Nicholson, Hebron; Friday - Brother Randal Pearson, Whitewater. Service times are Sunday at 6:00 PM and Monday through Friday at 7:00 PM. Everyone is invited to attend these services.

Round & About With Eria 897-2006

SCRIPTURE: Colossians 1:1-14

***THINKING OF YOU, PRAYING FOR YOU:

Evelyn Brown, Lovie Hooks, The Crums, Emma Smith Family, and Hawkins Family, Rev. LeRay Smedley, Rev. Henry Ewing Jr., Homer C. Coleman, Haya Kelley, Caleb Kelley, Rev. J.M. Bryant, Rev. Elsie Copes, Rev. W.C. Curry

***YOUTH REVIVAL

A youth revival will be held at Oak Grove Baptist Church in Elba, Ala., from Sunday, March 5, 2006 at 6:00 PM until Friday, March 10, 2006. On Monday through Friday evenings, the service will be held at 7:00 PM.

The theme is "Training God in His Sanctuary (Psalms 150:1)", and a different minister is invited each night: Sunday - Pastor Richard Kyles and the St. John Baptist Youth Department of Luverne, Ala.; Monday - Minister Gary Jackson and the Florida COGIC and Allen Temple COGIC Youth of Dothan, Ala.; Tuesday - Minister Jonathan an Harris Temple COGIC Youth of Elba, Ala.; Wednesday - Minister Brian Lockett and Family and Harris Temple COGIC Youth of Elba; Thursday - Minister Kimberly McBride and Abundant Life Youth of Sanson, Ala. (Power House); Friday - Minister Brian Brunson and Evangelist Temple COGIC Youth of Opp, Ala.

***USHER MINISTRY DAY

The annual Usher Ministry Day will be held at Pleasant Shade Worship Center in Enterprise, Ala., on Sunday, March 5, 2006, at 3:00 PM. The special guest will be Rev. Bobby Rhodes, pastor of St. Peter Baptist Church in Andalusia, Ala.

the co-author of the 1988 publication "The Black Male in Alabama - A Demographic Portrait," his 1990 personal update of that book is entitled "Arresting the Plague Among Black Males - Let the Healing Begin." He is the 2004 University of Alabama Black Law Students Association's Distinguished Alumni of the Year.

Milt. E. Belcher is an Administrative Law Judge (Administrative Hearings Division), in the Alabama General's Office. This division provides a central panel of administrative law judges to hear and render decisions in administrative hearings for over 40 state agencies, boards, and commissions.

Belcher joined the Attorney General's Office in 1976 and became the state's first African-American to be appointed as an Attorney IV (the highest level of state attorneys) in 1987. He formerly was the Chief of the General Civil Litigation Section in the Attorney General's Office and also the Attorney General's Office Coordinator for Mandatory Continuing Legal Education programs. All state attorneys, in order to remain licensed are required to have 12 hours of annual participation in these legal education programs. In August 2000, the Dean appointed him to the Law School Foundation's Board of Directors for the University of Alabama School of Law. He is

He is admitted to practice law in all state and federal courts in Alabama, Washington, D.C., and the U.S. Supreme Court. He is a former adjunct professor at Jones Law School and Tuskegee University, and presently at Auburn University in Montgomery.

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SCHOOLS

JV baseball team begins season with three wins

by Christina Bryant

With new head coach Mike Buckelew and assistant coach Scott Rials at the helm, the young JV Tigers are off to a great start!

On Monday, Feb. 20, the Elba Junior Varsity had its first games of the season with a double-header against Highland Home. Although, the first game did not turn out in their favor, with a score of 6-3, Coach Buckelew comments that this season looks to be very promising.

He said the main cause for the loss against Highland Home was too many errors and walks. He added, "hopefully, we will be able to correct this during practice before our next game in the Brantley JV Tournament."

In the first game, Coach Buckelew said Justin McLaughlin pitched very well for three innings, recording eight strikeouts and walking only three batters.

In the second game the JV Tigers played much better and were able to pull out a victory 16-11. Justin Mallory was on the pitching mound where he was able to record three strikeouts and allow only six runs on four hits.

Leading at the bat on Monday was Sandarius Reed with two hits, accompanied by Justin Mallory, Justin McLaughlin, Kyle Pope, Aaron Drewery, Devin Jackson and Jantzen Flowers all with one hit.

The Brantley Tournament brought even greater promise for a good season.

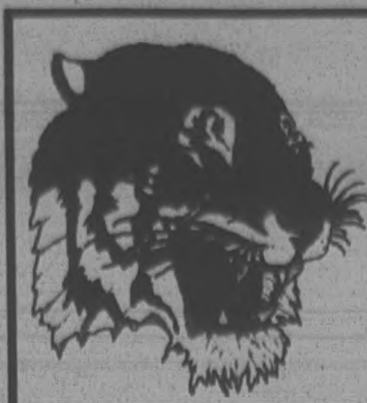
The JV Tigers began the tournament with a win against Highland Home. Dylan McCulloch pitched a one-hitter. He also had two hits for the Tigers, and Devin Jackson and Justin McCulloch each had one hit, while Justin Mallory added a SAC fly.

In the second game Bradley Wilson pitched, giving up five hits and striking out eight. He also had two hits in the game.

"The win was a team effort, with seven players working the opposing pitcher for a walk," said Coach Buckelew. "We also had no errors in the game a big accomplishment for any team. I'm very proud of all of our guys."

Congratulations, Tigers!

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Tiger Tales

Editors:
Shawanna Wright
& Melanie Mularz



2005-06 Elba Lady Tiger Basketball team

A season for the books

by Tori Brooks and
Judson Vaughan

The Elba High Lady Tigers accomplished something that no other Lady Tiger Team has ever done. This group of girls won the Area Championship and hosted a sub-regional game for the first time in EHS history.

Posting a 10-12 record, which in some cases would only be considered sub-par, these Lady Tigers battled through adversity and injuries and came out on top. Due to the leadership of team Captain Whitney Lawford and leading scorer Fondra Thigpen, their lack of depth did not hurt them.

Unlike in most situations, the

entire team contributed to the success and their run in the area tournament. This gave Coach Leroy Canley a chance to not only rest his players for the duration of the tournament, but also gave him an opportunity to scout for next season.

The Lady Tigers scored their highest total in nearly five years throwing up 62 points against the rival Highland Home.

This season certainly had its ups and downs, and the success and the sheer drive of this year's squad is what makes them so special.

They are a remarkable group of ladies and we congratulate them for their record-breaking year.



L to R: Manager, Alan Willis, Reymar Rogers, Andrew Stoudemire, Mason Guley, Lonzo Cooks, La'Ray Williams, Shawn Abbot, and Manager, Juan Starks

An ending of a great season

by Shawanna Wright

We would like to commend the Boys Varsity Basketball Team on having a great season.

Even though the Tigers had their ups and downs, they still managed to stay ahead of the game and remember the job they had to get done. They knew that team work and dedication would help them make it through.

With only six players remaining on the team the Tigers kept their heads up and ended with a great season. The sweat and hard work is what got the Tigers this far.

We congratulate the Boys Varsity Basketball Team and Coach Glen Johnson on their success this year!

EHS students attend AEC cookout

by Melanie Mularz

On Tuesday, Feb. 21, the AEC top 10 went to Gantt Lake for a fun, free day out of school. The day was filled with excitement.

The students got to meet many other students from various schools such as Pike County, Opp and Andalusia. Over 30 students attended the cookout along with their sponsors.

Elba's AEC top 10 students were Katie Cash, Jason Johnson, Sydney Brunson, Melanie Mularz, Anna Petty, Adam Henderson, Brianna Bailey, Lauren McClung, Whitney Bailey and Chase Boutwell.

The students were asked to write a paper about electric cooperatives. Ten essays were chosen by the EHS sponsor, Mrs. Pattie, then a top 5 was picked, along with two winners, Brianna Bailey and Jason Johnson, who will travel to Montgomery.

Brianna also will travel during the summer to Washington D.C. Congratulations guys!



Elba High's "Top 10 AEC Essay Contest" winners and their sponsor, Mrs. Pattie, attend a cookout at Gantt Lake.

Focus on Elba Elementary School

by Kayla Kelley

This week we are focusing on three of Elba Elementary School's finest students: Winston Kelley, Austin Johnson, and Jake Canley.

These students are being spotlighted for their impressive ability to win the half-court shot at the Elba High School basketball game.

Winston Kelley is the 6-year-old son of Michael and Tyrone Kelley. He enjoys playing basketball, football and baseball.

When Winston grows up, he would like to be a professional basketball player. His favorite athlete is his cousin, senior Brandon Kelley.

Austin Johnson is the 11-year-old son of Glen and Kerry Johnson.

Austin's hobbies include playing basketball, football, baseball and riding his dirt bike. When he grows up, Austin wants to be a professional basketball player and follow in the footsteps of his favorite athlete, LeBron James.

Elba Lady Tigers begin softball season

The Elba Varsity Tigers also kicked off their season against Zion Chapel last Thursday.

Stephanie Baxley took on the mound striking out 15 batters. Giving up only one run.

April Finamore aided her in victory who scored in the first inning. Kristen Parker and Melanie Mularz scored in the third inning.

The Lady Tigers played error-



Jake Canley, Winston Kelley and Austin Johnson

ball player and follow in the footsteps of his favorite athlete, LeBron James.

Jake Canley is the 11-year-old son of Leroy and Janet Canley. He enjoys playing basketball and any other sport, riding his go-cart and being with his two best friends: Connor and Jarod. His favorite athlete is Shaq O'Neal.

When Jake grows up, he would like to play basketball for the NBA and be just like his dad.

This year Jake has hit the half-court shot 10 times and has won \$230.

Obviously these three young men have one thing on their mind: basketball. Their abilities were revealed by ringing the remarkable half-court shot at the high school basketball game.

Their reward for accomplishing this goal is winning money to be spent on furthering their basketball career or a trip to Wal-Mart, which ever comes first.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

2006 Miss Elba pageants set for Saturday evening

The New Seasons Study Club will sponsor the 2006 Miss Elba pageants Saturday, March 4, at 6 p.m. The event will be held at the Elba High School auditorium.

This year's theme will be "Viva Las Vegas" and should prove to be fast paced and exciting for everyone.

Winners will be crowned in four different categories including: Future Little Miss Elba - ages 3-5; Little Miss Elba - first through 10th graders; and Miss Elba - ages 17-21. The pageant contestants must either attend Elba City Schools or have a permanent Elba address.

A total of 13 young ladies will

be featured throughout the evening with three contestants in the Future Little Miss Elba category, two contestants in the Little Miss Elba category, five contestants in the Junior Miss Elba category and three contestants in the Miss Elba category.

Everyone is encouraged to come out and show support for these young ladies as they compete Saturday evening to become ambassadors for the City of Elba throughout the year.



Hailey Nicole Parrish
Future Little Miss contestant



Kymbria Vaughan Bimbo
Future Little Miss contestant



Sadi Skye Boswell
Future Little Miss contestant



Meagan Ann Anderson
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Amber Mae Hudson
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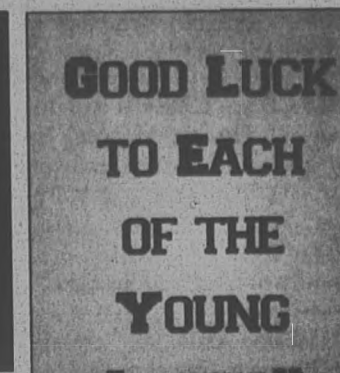
Hannah Michelle Morgan
Junior Miss contestant



Cortlin Megan Lee
Junior Miss contestant



Lindsay Meagan McClung
Junior Miss contestant



Gabrielle Christina Hernandez
Little Miss contestant



Christina Young Bryant
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Little Miss contestant

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Industry Day provides students with career information

Future Alabama Wiregrass productive and professional employees will get first-hand knowledge about a variety of career opportunities at Industry Day events on Friday, March 3.

Industry Day activities are scheduled for Dale and Coffee county students at the Ozark Civic Center, and for Covington County students at Andalusia Kiwanis Center.

Industry Day is designed to

help students learn about career possibilities and inspire them to achieve careers they choose.

The events bring medical, financial, agricultural, manufacturing and other employers together with career preparation services to provide students information about skills and education needs for potential careers.

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CASE NO. CV-2006-11

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Is/ James M. Counts, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Coffee County, Alabama

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CASE NO. PC-0-009

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Take notice that Letters Testamentary were granted to Lila Bell White, as Executor of the Estate of William Foy White, deceased on the 8th day of February, 2006, by the Judge of the Probate for Coffee County, Alabama.

Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Lila Bell White, Personal Representative 2-16-23, 3-2pd

IN THE MATTER OF WINNIE MERLE BOLING, Deceased. IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA, ELBA DIVISION

CASE NO. PC-06-007

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION Letters of Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 10th day of February, 2006 by the Honorable William O. Gammill, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said

STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF COFFEE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, Terry L. Brooks and Samantha Brooks, husband and wife, executed to Jack Odum, on the 26th day of December, 2003, a Mortgage upon the real estate hereinafter described to secure an indebtedness described therein, said Mortgage being recorded in Official Record Book 75A, Page 802 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County at Elba, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, default has been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by said Mortgage and said default continuing;

NOW, THEREFORE, Jack Odum, the owner of said Mortgage, will sell under and by virtue of the power of

SPORTS

Youth baseball and softball registration set to end Friday, March 3 in Elba for boys and girls ages 4-18

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation has begun registration for youth baseball and softball, and again this year the leagues will include teams for boys and girls ages 4-18.

The registration fee is \$25 per person, with a \$60 maximum for a family with more than two members signing up in the leagues.

Following is a brief description of the various leagues offered:

BASEBALL

TEE-BALL BASEBALL

Tee-ball baseball is for boys and girls ages 4-6, with a players age being determined by their age on May 1, 2006. Players will hit a safety ball placed on a tee and games will be held at the Elba Recreation Williams Park. The scoreboard is not used for this league.

COACH-PITCH BASEBALL

Coach-pitch baseball is for boys ages 7-8, with a players age being determined by their age on May 1, 2006. The coach of the team will pitch to their own batters from 40-feet away, and each batter will have five pitches to hit the ball safely. The first three weeks of the season will be played across Southeast Alabama.

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Views from.... The Pressbox By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The high school softball season opened last week and that means it is time to reopen the hospital ward at the Mularz house. Melanie came home happy after the first game because Elba won, but then took off her uniform and got it wet for Dad to open the medicine kit to doctor a long scrape on her leg and apply ice to a bruise on her thigh from being hit by a pitch. If the rest of the season is like the opening game I may very well have to attend a first aid course just to keep her going.

ONCE OVER LIGHTLY...

*** The Elba Tigers opened the high school baseball season last week and lost at home to Zion Chapel 8-3. The Tigers aren't blessed with experience and start two freshmen, and it was obvious in the opening game as little went right at the plate or in the field in the loss. It is always a lot easier to practice after a game or two after a team's weaknesses have been identified, and I am sure the Tigers will work hard and bounce back as they gain some experience and settle down.

*** The Elba Lady Tigers opened the high school softball season with a win over Zion Chapel, but struggled against their neighbors from up the road and managed only two hits in the narrow win. Lady Tiger ace Stephanie Baxley tossed a one-hitter and struck out 15 batters to lead the team to the win. However, the Elba girls will have to hit the ball and score more runs if they hope to pile up some wins.

*** The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation sent five All-Star teams to ARPA district basketball tournaments last weekend and all five represented the City of Elba and the department well. The eight and under boys posted wins over Eufaula and Geneva to place second in their age division, while the ten and under boys defeated Greenville to place third and the twelve and under boys defeated Opp to also place third. The two girls teams failed to post a win, but played hard and let everyone know they had some good players and battled hard until the final horn. Even though none of the teams brought home a championship trophy, all five played well and it was a very successful all-star campaign.

*** The Brantley Bulldogs fell one win short of a trip to the Final four last week as they lost in the finals at the Southeast Regional. The Bulldogs lit up the scoreboard in their opening win over Edward Bell, but couldn't get the shots to drop in the final against Montgomery's St. Jude and saw the season draw to an end. Brantley had a very successful season on the court and made it clear that the Bulldogs are still a team to reckon with when they tip it off each and every year.

*** In closing.... Now that basketball is over, that means it is time to shift gears and get ready for baseball and softball. I urge all parents to sign their children up for the youth leagues and then work with them in the yard to help make them as good as they can be. It is a game and coaches will work with their players at practice. However, there is nothing more enjoyable than getting out in the yard or at a park and playing ball with your child.



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In season opener

Elba slips past Rebels 3-1

The Elba Lady Tigers opened the high school softball season last week with a hard fought 3-1 win over the Zion Chapel Lady Rebels, at Zion Chapel.

The Lady Tigers jumped out to an early 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning when April Finedore reached on an error and later scored on an RBI double off the bat of Ashley Carpenter.

Melanie Mularz was hit by a pitch to give the Lady Tigers a chance to take command early. However, Elba failed to push another run across the plate and stranded two base runners.

The Lady Tigers carried the slim 1-0 lead into the top of the third, where they added two runs to take a 3-0 advantage. Melanie Mularz was hit by a pitch for the second time in three innings to lead off the

inning, stole second and then moved over to third on a bunt single by Krystan Parker. Mularz scored on a passed ball to tie the Elba lead to 2-0, while Parker also later scored on a wild pitch as the Lady Tigers lead went to 3-0.

Zion Chapel scored in the bottom of the third to cut the Elba lead to 3-1 and put two runners on base in the seventh, but failed to cash in on the scoring opportunity as Elba held on and posted the 3-1 season opening win.

Ashley Carpenter and Krystan Parker both had one hit to lead Elba at the plate, while April Finedore, Melanie Mularz and Parker scored the Lady Tiger runs. Stephanie Baxley tossed a one-hitter and struck out 15 batters to claim the win.

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Fort Rucker campus of EOCC to offer Web-Design classes

The Fort Rucker campus of Enterprise-Ozark Community College will offer three, two-week sessions of WEB-DESIGN classes using MS

FrontPage beginning March 13, from 12 to 1 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

Level 1 will be held March 13 through 24 - This session is

designed to introduce the student to the beginning steps to web-page design. Students will be instructed on how to use basic HTML code and the application of Microsoft FrontPage. Upon completion of this course, students will be able to edit the html code generated during the application of Microsoft FrontPage. The only requirement for Level 1 is that the student have a working knowledge of the computer.

Level 2: April 3-13. This session is designed to instruct the student on how to design a basic web-site using the advanced features of Microsoft FrontPage. Students will be instructed on how to link to other sites and resources on the internet.

Level 3: May 1-11. This session is designed to instruct the student on how to publish, and maintain an up to date web site. Students should bring a 3 IBM compatible floppy disk to save work to.

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During New Brockton Town Council meeting

Police Chief presents ticket/warning comparison

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the regular monthly meeting of the New Brockton Town Council Monday evening, March 6, Police Chief Dale Grimes gave council members a comparison between the number of citations and warnings written during the month of February by police officers.

Grimes said this comparison would allow everyone to see that the officers basically are issuing just as many warnings during the month as they are "pay" citations.

During the month of February, Chief Grimes said the department issued the following traffic citations: two for driving under the influence, 11 for speeding, one for a revoked driver's license, five for a suspended driver's license, two for a

switched tag, four for violation of the seat belt law, six for violation of the seat belt law, one for improper passing, two for running a stop sign/light and two for failure to dim.

Also during the month of February, he said the department issued the following written warnings: 18 for speeding, eight for a revoked driver's license, two for no insurance and 22 for improper equipment.

Chief Grimes reported to council members that he has looked at some cars that DeFunak Springs is offering to sell; however, he said the vehicles in his opinion are not worth the amount of money being asked.

Grimes also told council members he needs to complete 20 hours of executive training to remain qualified to serve as

police chief. He said there are upcoming training sessions during the year that can provide those needed hours and asked council members to allow him to attend the training.

Council member Cal Donnia Howard made the motion to allow Chief Grimes to attend the proper sessions to attain the required hours of training. She received a second from council member Richard Driskell, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote (council member Johnnie Herron was unable to attend the meeting).

Regarding the disposition of the Jr. Food building in New Brockton, Mayor Charles Cole said Monday evening that two non-profit organizations as well as the town's recreation board have shown interest in acquiring the building. He said all three

groups wants the building donated to them.

Cole said one of the non-profit organizations indicates an interest in creating a teen center while the other wants to create a thrift store. The mayor said the recreation board will use the building for meetings and storage of equipment.

Cole and council members seemed to agree the building will require a great deal of work and money to bring it up to standards regardless of what group gets the building.

Mayor Cole recommended giving the recreation board 30 days to let the council know its intentions in writing regarding the building.

Council member Vicky Harrison said it is something the council really needs to think about before making any type of decision; therefore, she made a motion with a second from council member Driskell to table this discussion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Council member Jeffery White gave council members an update from the planning commission, and he said the committee was scheduled to have a meeting Tuesday night of this week. At that meeting, White said the planning commission would look at Phase 1 of the proposed Mayberry subdivision. He said and engineer has been hired to look over the plans for this project, and things are progressing.

In other business, the council, in looking at the report of the town clerk, council members voted unanimously to pay the monthly bills totaling \$25,586.64 of which \$17,816.99 were pre-paid and \$7,769.65 were to-be-paid.

Town clerk Annette Williams said letters have been sent out regarding the demolition grant for old houses within the town limits. She encouraged residents interested in taking advantage of



THE ART OF FLIPPING...Elba Lions Club members Rex Boutwell (left) and L.C. Cook (right) were the appointed pancake chefs last Saturday morning, March 4, during the annual Elba Lions Club Pancake Day. Downtown Elba was filled with the smell of pancakes and sausage from 6-10 a.m. last Saturday morning as many local residents came out to support the annual fund raising event for the Lions Club. Please see Page 14 for additional scenes from the breakfast event.

Elba native named president and publisher of Andalusia Newspapers Inc.

Michéle Gerlach has been named president and publisher of Andalusia Newspapers, Inc. Gerlach most recently served as publisher of The Brewton Standard and is a vice president and group manager of Boone Newspapers, Inc., The Star-News' Tuscaloosa-based parent company.

She has previously worked as director of marketing and communications at Jefferson Davis Community College, and is a former publisher of The Attmore Advance. She also has worked in newspapers in Alexander City and Russellville, Ala.

"I believe strong newspapers make stronger communities," Gerlach said. "I am very pleased to have the opportunity to work in an industry I love and in a great community. It is apparent that exciting things are happening in Andalusia and

Covington County, and I look forward to working with local residents to publish a newspaper that reflects the enthusiasm I see here."

A native of Elba, and a graduate of Elba High School, Gerlach earned a journalism degree from the University of Alabama and a master's degree in leadership and organizational effectiveness from Troy State University.

She and her husband, Tom, are active in St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Brewton, where she also is a Rotarian and a member of the Red Cross board.

She is a member of the Alabama Press Association's Journalism Foundation board and a former chair of the City of Attmore's Industrial Development Board. She is the daughter of Fern and Heddy Cox of Elba.

The driver stands beside his 18 wheeler Tuesday following a minor accident at the intersection Claxton and 203 Bypass. The truck above, out of Headland, AL, clipped the left rear of a U-Haul truck as the traffic light was changing to yellow. There were no injuries. The driver explained that the U-Haul, which had just passed him, began stopping as the light changed to yellow. The trailing truck tried to avoid the stopping truck by changing lanes but hit the left rear, causing minor damage to both vehicles.

NEWS BRIEF

Serving as the School Resource Officer (SRO) for the Elba Police Department and Elba City School System, Officer Dean Blair is a well-known and recognized. Now, thanks to the joint venture of two local businesses, Officer Blair is even more recognizable.

The Peoples Bank of Coffee County and the National Security Group recently joined forces and together helped acquire a new vehicle to be used by the School Resource Officer.

Through a 3-year lease/purchase deal, the two businesses will make the lease payments on the new Ford Explorer for three years. At that point in time, the city will pay the remaining cost for the vehicle.

Officer Blair said the SRO vehicle is a high visibility vehicle that travels with the Elba students on many, many trips. He said it is common to see the School Resource Officer accompanying students on ball game trips, band trips, field trips, etc.

"The Peoples Bank and National Security realize the benefit of this vehicle for the police department and the school," Blair said. "I can't thank the businesses enough for what they do for our school and community."

Blair said this is the second time the two businesses have helped the department purchase a School Resource Officer vehicle. The first Ford Explorer has

Elba Police Department gets new School Resource Officer vehicle

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Representative Terry Spicer.

Blair said Rep. Spicer was able to secure funds to help with the emergency lighting for the vehicle along with the sirens, police radio and other special equipment.

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been transferred to the department's patrol fleet with the addition of this new SRO vehicle.

With the vehicle being a high visibility vehicle for the department and school, Blair said a lot of work went in to designing the vehicle's appearance. Black and Gold is a noticeable theme for the vehicle directly connecting it with Elba's school colors.

Another helping hand for this vehicle was that of

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"I personally want to thank Chris Maddaloni of Williams Signs for the countless hours he spent designing the decals for this vehicle," said Blair. "Again, I just can't say enough about the support of our community."

Among the decal designs for the vehicle, there is a tiger head on the hood of the vehicle and the new City of Elba logo has been included on both sides of the vehicle.



ELBA POLICE CHIEF FREDDY HANCHEY PRESENTS School Resource Officer Dean Blair with the keys to his new vehicle. The department was able to acquire the vehicle thanks to a joint effort between The Peoples Bank of Coffee County and the National Security Group. The two local businesses entered a 3-year lease/purchase agreement. Representatives from both businesses were present at Chief Hanchey presented the keys to Officer Blair. Also present were: Elba City Schools Superintendent Danny Weeks and Representative Terry Spicer, who helped secure additional funds for the vehicle's lighting and equipment. Shown above (from left to right) are: Superintendent Weeks, Rep. Spicer, National Security representatives Tommy Skinner and Tim Wilson, Officer Blair (seated), Chief Hanchey and The Peoples Bank representatives Doris Matthews, Melonice Blair and Barry Giles.